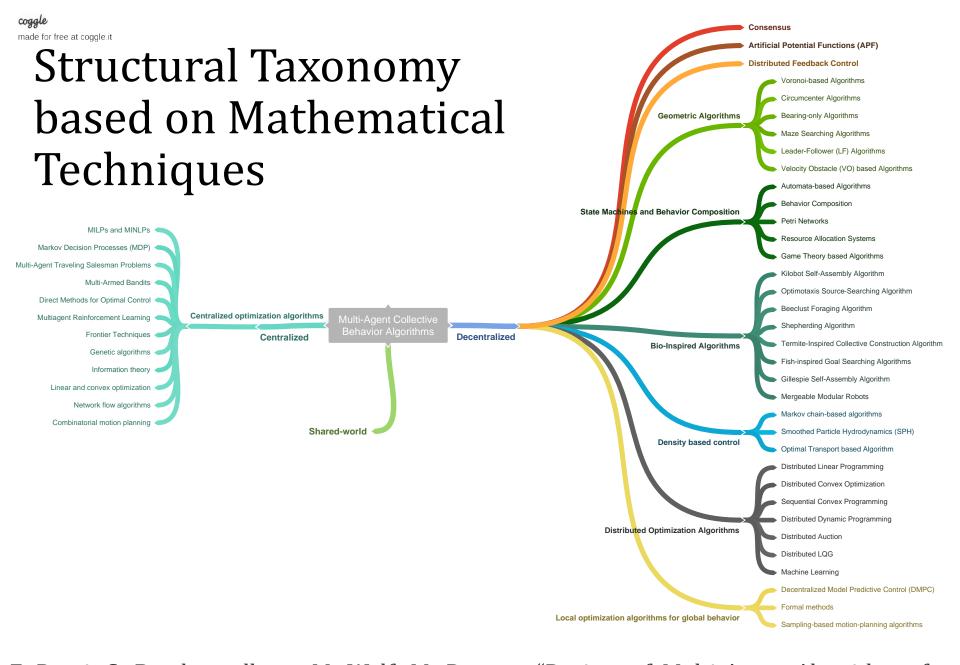
Review of Multi-Agent Algorithms for Collective Behavior: a Structural Taxonomy

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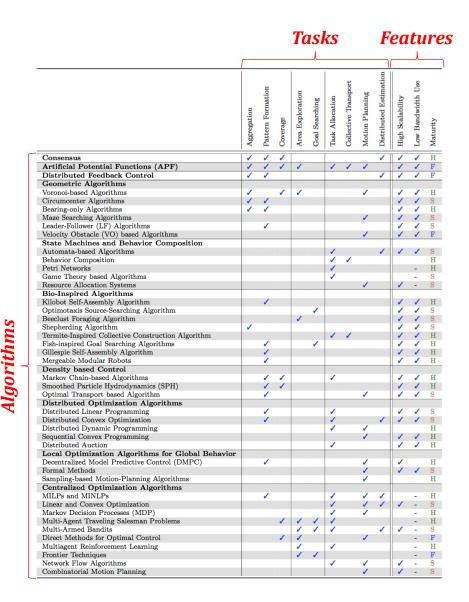




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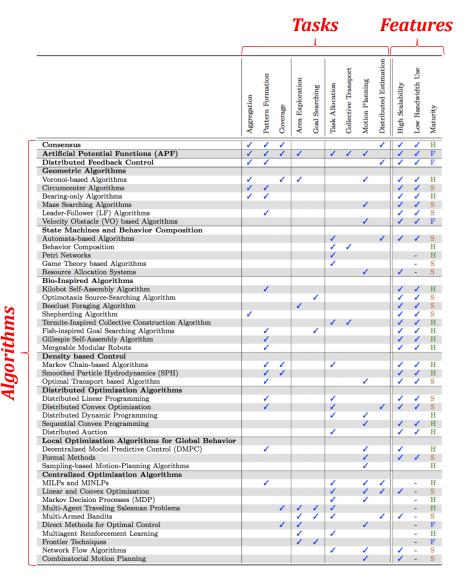
Motivation

- Select algorithms for a given task or application
- Same algorithm can be used for a variety of tasks
- Identify areas for future research



Tasks in multi-agent systems

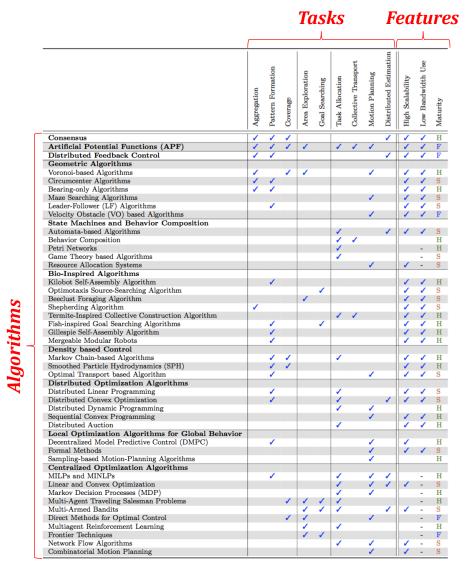
- Spatially-organizing behaviors
 - Aggregation
 - Pattern Formation
 - Coverage
- Collective explorations
 - Area Exploration
 - Goal Searching
- Cooperative decision making
 - Task Allocation
 - Collective Transport
 - Motion Planning
 - Distributed Estimation



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Features of Algorithms

- Scalability
- · Bandwidth use
- Maturity



Example: Consensus Algorithm

• Mathematical description: $x_{k+1}^i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_k^i} A_k[i,j] x_k^j$

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Consensus	1	1	1		·		·		1	1	1	Н

Classification of Algorithms

	Aggregation	Pattern Formation	Coverage	Area Exploration	Goal Searching	Task Allocation	Collective Transport	Motion Planning	Distributed Estimation	High Scalability	Low Bandwidth Use	Maturity
Consensus	/	✓	✓						/	/	✓	H
Artificial Potential Functions (APF)	1	√	1	1		1	1	√		1	1	F
Distributed Feedback Control	1	✓							✓	1	✓	F
Geometric Algorithms												
Voronoi-based Algorithms	1		✓	1				✓		1	1	H
Circumcenter Algorithms	1	1								1	1	S
Bearing-only Algorithms	/	✓								/	1	Η
Maze Searching Algorithms								1		/	1	S
Leader-Follower (LF) Algorithms		1								1	1	S
Velocity Obstacle (VO) based Algorithms								/		/	1	F
State Machines and Behavior Composition												
Automata-based Algorithms						1			✓	✓	1	S
Behavior Composition						1	1					Η
Petri Networks						1					-	Η
Game Theory based Algorithms						1					-	\mathbf{S}
Resource Allocation Systems								/		✓	-	S

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Bio-Inspired Algorithms												
Kilobot Self-Assembly Algorithm		1								✓	/	Η
Optimotaxis Source-Searching Algorithm					1					/	✓	\mathbf{S}
Beeclust Foraging Algorithm				1						√	/	S
Shepherding Algorithm	✓									✓	✓	\mathbf{S}
Termite-Inspired Collective Construction Algorithm						/	/			✓	/	H
Fish-inspired Goal Searching Algorithms		✓			✓					✓	✓	\mathbf{H}
Gillespie Self-Assembly Algorithm		✓								✓	/	H
Mergeable Modular Robots		✓								✓	✓	\mathbf{H}
Density based Control												
Markov Chain-based Algorithms		✓	✓			/				/	✓	\mathbf{H}
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)		✓	/							/	/	Η
Optimal Transport based Algorithm		✓						✓		✓	✓	S
Distributed Optimization Algorithms												
Distributed Linear Programming		/				/				/	/	\mathbf{S}
Distributed Convex Optimization		/				/			✓	/	/	S
Distributed Dynamic Programming						/		/				Η
Sequential Convex Programming								/		/	/	Η

Distributed Auction

Classification of Algorithms

	Aggregation	Pattern Formation	Coverage	Area Exploration	Goal Searching	Task Allocation	Collective Transport	Motion Planning	Distributed Estimation	High Scalability	Low Bandwidth Use	Maturity
Local Optimization Algorithms for Global Behavior												
Decentralized Model Predictive Control (DMPC)		1						✓		1		Н
Formal Methods								1		1	1	S
Sampling-based Motion-Planning Algorithms								✓				H
Centralized Optimization Algorithms												
MILPs and MINLPs		1				1		/	✓		-	Η
Linear and Convex Optimization						1		/	√	/	-	S
Markov Decision Processes (MDP)						✓		/			-	H
Multi-Agent Traveling Salesman Problems			/	/	/	1					-	H
Multi-Armed Bandits				/	/	/			✓	✓	-	S
Direct Methods for Optimal Control			/	/				√			-	\mathbf{F}
Multiagent Reinforcement Learning				/		/					-	H
Frontier Techniques				/	/						-	F
Network Flow Algorithms						/		/		/	-	S
Combinatorial Motion Planning								/		/	-	S

Example: Markov Chain-based Algorithms

	Aggregation	Pattern Formation	Coverage	Area Exploration	Goal Searching	Task Allocation	Collective Transport	Motion Planning	Distributed Estimation	High Scalability	Low Bandwidth Use	Maturity
Consensus	1	1	1						/	1	_	H
Artificial Potential Functions (APF)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	F
Distributed Feedback Control	1	1							/	1	1	F
Geometric Algorithms												
Voronoi-based Algorithms	1		/	1				/		1	1	Н
Circumcenter Algorithms	1	1								1	1	S
Bearing-only Algorithms	1	/								1	/	Н
Maze Searching Algorithms								1		1	1	S
Leader-Follower (LF) Algorithms		1								1	1	S
Velocity Obstacle (VO) based Algorithms								1		1	1	F
State Machines and Behavior Composition												
Automata-based Algorithms						1			1	1	1	S
Behavior Composition						1	✓					Η
Petri Networks						1					-	H
Game Theory based Algorithms						/					-	S
Resource Allocation Systems								✓		1	-	S
Bio-Inspired Algorithms												
Kilobot Self-Assembly Algorithm		/								/	/	H
Optimotaxis Source-Searching Algorithm					/					1	1	S
Beeclust Foraging Algorithm	١,			1						1	'	S
Shepherding Algorithm	1					١,	,			1	1	S
Termite-Inspired Collective Construction Algorithm		/			_	-	✓			1	· /	H H
Fish-inspired Goal Searching Algorithms Gillespie Self-Assembly Algorithm		1			•					1	1	Н
Mergeable Modular Robots		1								1	1	H
Density based Control		•								•	•	11
Markov Chain-based Algorithms		1	/			1				1	/	Н
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)		1	1			•				1	1	H
Optimal Transport based Algorithm		1	•					/		1	1	S
Distributed Optimization Algorithms		·						·		Ť	Ť	
Distributed Linear Programming		/				1				1	/	S
Distributed Convex Optimization		1				1			1	1	1	S
Distributed Dynamic Programming						1		/				Н
Sequential Convex Programming								1		1	1	H
Distributed Auction						1				1	1	H
Local Optimization Algorithms for Global Behavior												
Decentralized Model Predictive Control (DMPC)		/						1		1		H
Formal Methods								1		1	1	S
Sampling-based Motion-Planning Algorithms								✓				H
Centralized Optimization Algorithms												
MILPs and MINLPs		1				1		1	1		-	H
Linear and Convex Optimization						1		✓	✓	1	-	S
Markov Decision Processes (MDP)						1		/			-	H
Multi-Agent Traveling Salesman Problems			1	V	V	1					-	H
Multi-Armed Bandits				1	/	1			1	1	-	S
Direct Methods for Optimal Control			1	1				/			-	F
Multiagent Reinforcement Learning				1	,	/					-	H
Frontier Techniques				1	V	/		/		,	-	F S
Network Flow Algorithms Combinatorial Motion Planning						1		1		1	-	S
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Example: Markov Chain-based Algorithms

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Artificial Potential Functions (APF) Distributed Feedback Control	1 1	1 1	1	/ /	1 1	✓ F						
	Aggregation	Pattern Formation	Coverage	Area Exploration	Goal Searching	Task Allocation	Collective Transport	Motion Planning	Distributed Estimation	High Scalability	Low Bandwidth Use	Maturity
Density based Control					1							
Markov Chain-based Algorithms		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	H
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)		/	✓							/	✓	H
Optimal Transport based Algorithm		✓						✓		✓	✓	S
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Example: Distributed Estimation Task

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Consensus	1	1	1						/	1	_	H
Artificial Potential Functions (APF)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	F
Distributed Feedback Control	1	1							/	1	_	F
Geometric Algorithms												
Voronoi-based Algorithms	1		1	1				1		1	1	Н
Circumcenter Algorithms	1	1								1	1	S
Bearing-only Algorithms	1	/								1	1	Н
Maze Searching Algorithms								1		1	1	S
Leader-Follower (LF) Algorithms		/								1	✓	S
Velocity Obstacle (VO) based Algorithms								✓		1	✓	F
State Machines and Behavior Composition												
Automata-based Algorithms						1			✓	1	✓	S
Behavior Composition						1	1					H
Petri Networks						/					-	H
Game Theory based Algorithms						/		,			-	S
Resource Allocation Systems								✓		V	-	S
Bio-Inspired Algorithms		,								,	,	H
Kilobot Self-Assembly Algorithm Optimotaxis Source-Searching Algorithm		V								1	1	S
Beeclust Foraging Algorithm				1	•					1	1	S
Shepherding Algorithm	1			•						1	1	S
Termite-Inspired Collective Construction Algorithm	ľ					1	1			1	1	H
Fish-inspired Goal Searching Algorithms		/			/		•			1	1	H
Gillespie Self-Assembly Algorithm		1								1	1	H
Mergeable Modular Robots		/								1	1	Н
Density based Control												
Markov Chain-based Algorithms		1	1			1				1	1	Н
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)		1	1							1	1	H
Optimal Transport based Algorithm		/						/		1	1	S
Distributed Optimization Algorithms												
Distributed Linear Programming		/				1				1	✓	S
Distributed Convex Optimization		1				1			1	1	✓	S
Distributed Dynamic Programming						1		1		L.		H
Sequential Convex Programming								/		1	'	H
Distributed Auction						1				/		H
Local Optimization Algorithms for Global Behavior		/						/		/		11
Decentralized Model Predictive Control (DMPC) Formal Methods		•						1		1	,	H
Sampling-based Motion-Planning Algorithms								7		•	•	H
Centralized Optimization Algorithms								•				-11
MILPs and MINLPs		/				1		/	/		_	Н
Linear and Convex Optimization		· i				1		1	1	1	_	S
Markov Decision Processes (MDP)						1		1			-	H
Multi-Agent Traveling Salesman Problems			1	1	1	1					-	H
Multi-Armed Bandits				1	1	1			1	1	-	S
Direct Methods for Optimal Control			1	1				1			-	F
Multiagent Reinforcement Learning				1		1					-	Н
Frontier Techniques				1	1						-	F
Network Flow Algorithms						1		1		1	-	S
Combinatorial Motion Planning								✓		1	-	S

Example: Distributed Estimation Task

	Aggregation				Distributed Estimation	High Scalability	Low Bandwidth Use	
Consensus	/				_	1	1	=
Artificial Potential Functions (APF)	1					1	1	
Distributed Feedback Control	1				1	1	_/	_
Geometric Algorithms								Т
Voronoi-based Algorithms	1					1	1	
Circumcenter Algorithms	1					1	1	
Bearing-only Algorithms	1					1	/	
Maze Searching Algorithms						1	1	
Leader-Follower (LF) Algorithms						1	✓	
Velocity Obstacle (VO) based Algorithms						1	1	
State Machines and Behavior Composition								
Automata-based Algorithms					✓	1	1	
Behavior Composition								
Petri Networks							-	
Game Theory based Algorithms							-	
Resource Allocation Systems						✓	-	
Bio-Inspired Algorithms								
Kilobot Self-Assembly Algorithm						1	1	
Optimotaxis Source-Searching Algorithm						1	1	
Beeclust Foraging Algorithm						1	1	
Shepherding Algorithm	V					1	1	
Termite-Inspired Collective Construction Algorithm Fish-inspired Goal Searching Algorithms						1	1	
Gillespie Self-Assembly Algorithm						1	1	
Mergeable Modular Robots						1	1	
Density based Control						H.	·	
Markov Chain-based Algorithms						1	/	
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)						1	1	
Optimal Transport based Algorithm						1	1	
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Distributed Convex Optimization					1	1	1	
Distributed Dynamic Programming								
Sequential Convex Programming						1	1	
Distributed Auction						1	1	
Local Optimization Algorithms for Global Behavior								П
Decentralized Model Predictive Control (DMPC)						1		
Formal Methods						1	1	
Sampling-based Motion-Planning Algorithms								
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MILPs and MINLPs					1		-	
Linear and Convex Optimization					1	1	-	
Markov Decision Processes (MDP)							-	
Multi-Agent Traveling Salesman Problems							-	
Multi-Armed Bandits					✓	1	-	
Direct Methods for Optimal Control							-	
Multiagent Reinforcement Learning							-	
Frontier Techniques							-	
Network Flow Algorithms						1	-	
Combinatorial Motion Planning						1	-	

Conclusion

- Majority of algorithms tailored to either low-level tasks or high-level applications.
- Few algorithms (e.g. APF) can be used for the entire range.
- Very few algorithms are mature and field-tested.

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Artificial Potential Functions (APF)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	·	1	1	
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Maze Searching Algorithms								1		1	1	-
Leader-Follower (LF) Algorithms		1								1	1	-
Velocity Obstacle (VO) based Algorithms										✓	✓	
State Machines and Behavior Composition												
Automata-based Algorithms						'			/	/	✓	-
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Shepherding Algorithm	1									1	-	
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Gillespie Self-Assembly Algorithm		1								1	1]
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Density based Control												
Markov Chain-based Algorithms		1	/			1				1	1]
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH)		1	1							1	✓]
Optimal Transport based Algorithm		✓						/		1	✓	- 1
Distributed Optimization Algorithms												
Distributed Linear Programming		/				1				1	1	-
Distributed Convex Optimization		/				1			/	/	✓	-
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Markov Decision Processes (MDP)						1		1				
Multi-Agent Traveling Salesman Problems			1	1	1	1					-	
Multi-Armed Bandits				1	1	1			/	1	-	
Direct Methods for Optimal Control			1	1	Ť.	Ĺ		1			-	
Multiagent Reinforcement Learning				1		1					-	
Frontier Techniques				1	1						-	
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